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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

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- Preliminary amendment, 2 pages.

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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for a continuation or divisional only.
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The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory, a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on June 3, 1998 at 9240/0455.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/696,479, filed October 24, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/997,919, filed December 24, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application presents claims corresponding to claims 1-21 of grandparent application serial no. 08/997,919. There are 21 total claims, 5 of which are independent.

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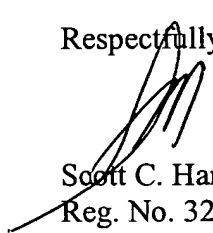
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